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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Specialist *LK*

RE: Site Inspection, American Stone Company, Lion Heart Quarry, S/003/033, Box Elder County, Utah

Date of Inspection: April 25, 1995
Time of Inspection: 11:00 - Noon
Conditions: Mostly cloudy and windy
Participants: Hal Amidan, Darwin Bywater, Surface owners; Dan Washington, Linus Meyer, BLM; Gordon Struthers, USFS; Lynn Kunzler, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To determine validity of variance requests and to discuss landowner concerns.

On Wednesday, April 19, 1995, Lon Thomas met with myself and Dan Washington in the BLM, Salt Lake City Office, to provide updated materials and discuss plans for the Lion Heart Quarry. Mr. Thomas presented a new site map which showed the quarry location about 1/2 mile west of the location identified on the original Notice. This location also changed the land ownership status from 100% BLM to about 50% BLM/50% private for the 5-acre quarry. Mr. Thomas indicated he had landowner permission to begin and that he wanted to start in the next couple of weeks. Variances for topsoil salvage and replacement and for performing revegetation were requested at this time.

Topsoil on the site is very sparse with a considerable amount of rock outcrop. There was a fair amount of vegetation present. Salvaging of topsoil on the initial area would be impractical due to the amount of rock outcrop and the shallowness of the soil (generally only an inch or two). Both the BLM and private landowners were in concurrence with granting the variance for topsoil requirements. Also, without topsoil, establishing vegetation would be unlikely and a variance for meeting the revegetation requirements should also be granted. Variances would only apply to this initial 5-acre area and should be reevaluated prior to any expansion.

Mr. Bywater was concerned regarding the location of the quarry in relationship to his house. He was also concerned that Mr. Thomas misrepresented the fact that he had permission from the landowner. Mr. Bywater stated to us that he has not given permission - nor does not intend to grant permission for Mr. Thomas to mine within line of site of his house (his house is within about 100 yards of where Mr. Thomas intends to start and this is on the private property).

Several photos were taken to document site conditions.

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